

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Camille B. Williams

Friends—I wish you all to find the road by which you shall find yourselves.

Your true selves. So it will be very necessary to find the Good Friend, Lord Jesus, who is our life, our life in completeness, and inspired by the light that was his, we shall find the glory of life.

There is a glory of life, but it comes not at cheap price—very high the price. One has to give himself—everything, all, and follow the Light. Rough come the roads; steep lift the hills; bleak blow the winds from the deserts. (And the desert may be one's home where the home feels do not play the same game.) The desert may be one's life which does afford rest. The desert may be the people about one who do not work steadily, the desert may be the road. But God calls all the compassionate, the father to the fatherless, husband to the wife, and those who have used the way of love. Who hunger and thirst and must find the bread of life and drink of the cup of memory.

There is a glory of life to those who conquer all conditions and not be stopped. As the soldiers say it is to "carry on." If you will make the best of the days, set his goal high, refuse to be turned aside—carry on—he will find himself.

We shall know a great deal more about the glory of religion when we cease to demand that God prove Himself by equations of physical comfort, unlimited pleasures, bank accounts, freedom from hardships, problems, disagreeable conditions, sacrifice. We believe in God so long as He keeps the rose-bordered roads open.

But the reactions from religion with God are spiritual qualities, soldierly qualities. He is trying desperately to make us men and women of large dimensions, tall as the Christ is tall, big, open-hearted. He is trying to make us eternal in quality. But the pigmy man or woman wants to be coddled and assured of the delectable mountains without cost.

ONCE FAMOUS NOME NOW BUT A MEMORY

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actions have crowded the ocean track. Rich ground was found on all these beaches.

In 1913 a great storm or tidal wave, ruined the present beach by washing out or burying the gold-bearing sand, and since that time Nome has steadily gone down. The hydraulics and dredges will operate for years to come yet, but they do not employ much help and their season of operation is so short that there are not enough assets to keep Nome a live one. This mining town is following Dawson—it will soon be a dead one, a once-waster.

The life of the greater population of Nome during the long winter is sleeping days and reading nights, and the one great sport is dog racing. For the first time on the trip of about 2,200 miles down the Yukon I found my old friends, nickels and dimes, at Nome, and went into a hip pocket depository and fished out a handful that were dynamited at Skagway. Practically "outside" prices prevail in Nome, with the exception of the "hash houses." A steak costs a dollar there.

Moving pictures are the main source of entertainment in the north city and considering how the town is cut off from the world for eight or nine months the shows are good. The reels must be ordered and delivered nine months ahead.

There may be a few horses on the job around the mining outfits but I did not see them. The market price of hay was \$100 a ton in August and oats \$90. The price of horse board was \$1.50 per day, so you may be sure there were not many saddle ponies on the streets.

When winter sets in in Nome in October, the "Radiator Club" is reorganized. The big hotel re-

The unfortunate gentlemen who suggested that heaven was the object of religion instead of life beyond doubt had fine intentions. But the seed has sprung up in the human race an almost obscured meaning of religion. Jesus affirmed His mission to be to give more abundant life, but we insist on making Him a fetish against the curse which primitive and pagan ignorance put upon the lips of God: the infinitate Compassionate Father! To find ourselves. That is adventure. Work all pang and pain, opposition, fighting, climbing, discipline, all processes by which life is forced through the thick skin.

The experience of a cultured young man, is significant. From infancy, after freedom from disagreeable conditions, she was thrown as a Red Cross nurse into the hell that follows the warring of men. Working from fourteen to eighteen hours a day she was amazed to find that for the first time in her life she felt "right" herself, normal. She had found herself by the road of suffering and sympathy, service. And one finds himself except he finds the road.

One may work the machinery of life, sing himself with beautiful dreams, pray until he falls exhausted, go to church 20,000 years, see angels, hear the stars sing together—and come out of these processes dry as a desert and as fruitless.

But if one loses himself in service that starts blood, that hurts down to the marrow, of the soul that brings him into the awful presence of human beings and their desperate need—he shall find himself and see glory, and be joyous! Straightened is the way that leads to—life and few there be that find it.

Friends! I wish you to find yourselves!

It will be a wonderful morning in the soul when coming to some high experience in humility and sacrifice one sees the sun begin to lift behind the dark. And we shall see himself looking down from the sunway.

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Next week I am going to write about the wonderful legs of Alaska and the big part they play in the activities of the North Land.

DID SHE EVER GROW UP?

One of the feminine guests at a popular summering resort related that she, as a child, used to rescue flies from the mire of fly-paper because she could not bear to see them struggling and die. Some may have been its sympathy with her, having, as children, also been childishly soft of heart and lacking in knowledge of sanitation laws. But who is so childish as to sympathize with the woman who wants to have all trapped flies fed? Go far back as possible into youthful memories, of youthful sorrows at suffering, yet nothing equaling this comes to mind. "Rescue them," childish hearts may have cried, but "feed them"—what a chicken-hearted child this woman must have been, to be sure. And did she really grow up or did she only pretend?—Springfield Republican.

Lieutenant Frank B. Corey of the Canandaigua company of New York Guards, has been appointed by Colonel E. K. Austin of Rochester as instructor in military training at the Canandaigua Academy and the Victor high school.

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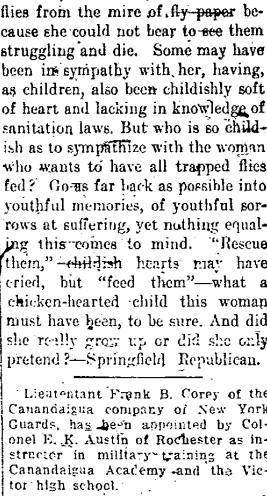
A man may have a college degree and still be densely ignorant regarding the ways of the world.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

The Tout—Every race is a sure thing. The Skeptic—Yes, but the majority of men bet on the wrong horse.

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